Purchase of Hindi typewriters in M/o Water Resources

†4706. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the name of such Ministries/Departments under his Ministry which are not having a single Hindi typewriter so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriter so far and the officers responsible for such kind of negligence; and

(c) the actions to ensure that targets set in annual programme of Hindi by Rajbhasha Prabhag in respect of purchase of Hindi typewriters are properly complied with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) None.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All offices of the Ministry have been instructed not to purchase roman Typewriters till the percentage of Hindi Typewriters is fulfilled. Besides a copy of the annual programme drawn by Rajbhasha Prabhag is also circulated each year to all the organisations of this Ministry for compliance *inter-alia* concerning purchase of typewriters in accordance with the set targets. The check points have also been established in the Ministry and its attached/subordinate offices in this regard.

Devastation caused by floods in Assam

4707. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that almost every year there is substantial loss of life and property in Assam due to devastating floods in rivers;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any long term and short term schemes to overcome this natural calamity;

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